stages of progress. The improvement being a continuous process, no firm date for completion can be given at this stage.

(b) The present progress of the works is as under:

(i) Widening of formation	—	143.07 km
(ii) Surfacing	—	54.30 km

(c) An amount of Rs. 39.82 crore has been spent so far on the improvement works and the allocation for the year 2001-2002 is Rs. 9.04 crore.

Golden Quadrilateral project

2720. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India has decided to issue bonds to raise money for funding Prime Minister's North-South and East-West corridor highways proposal;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assessment regarding the amount required for this project; and

(c) by when die work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURIJ: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An estimated amount of Rs. 54,000 crore is required for this project.

(c) Golden Quadrilateral is targeted for completion by December 2003 and the North-South and East-West corridors by December 2007.

Facilities on NH-8

2721. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of lack of facilities such as lighting and road carpeting on NH-8 (National Highway 8) between Delhi and Jaipur resulting in a number of fatal accidents daily;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been made to identify the deficiency in road facilities on NH-8; and

(c) if so, what safety measures have been taken by Government to make the Delhi-Jaipur stretch of the highways safe and accident free?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) to (c) Delhi-Jaipur